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Debbie Kitchin re-elected Energy Trust of Oregon board vice president

Portland businesswoman serves second term as officer on nonprofit board

PORTLAND, Ore. — March 28, 2013 — Debbie Kitchin, co-owner of InterWorks, LLC, in Portland, was recently re-elected to a second term as vice president of the nonprofit Energy Trust of Oregon Board of Directors.

Kitchin joined the board in 2004 and served as secretary from 2007-2010. Her construction business, InterWorks, LLC, is an award-winning company specializing in sustainable building practices applied to commercial tenant improvement and residential remodeling.

Kitchin is one of four directors elected to Energy Trust board leadership positions for 2013. John Reynolds, a professor of architecture emeritus at the University of Oregon and a Eugene resident, was re-elected to a sixth term as president.

Alan Meyer, a Salem resident and director of energy management for Weyerhaeuser Company, was newly elected as secretary. Serving his second full term as treasurer is Dan Enloe, a Washington County resident and supply chain manager at Intel Corporation in Hillsboro.

Drawn from communities around the state, Energy Trust directors represent a broad spectrum of expertise from the private sector and public institutions. Board members, all volunteers, provide strategic and policy direction for the nonprofit, which designs and delivers programs that help residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural customers save energy and generate renewable power. The 15-member board approves the organization's annual budget and major expenditures. Board members bring independent viewpoints to their oversight of Energy Trust, which invests in energy efficiency and renewable energy for the benefit of utility customers and operates under a grant agreement with the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

Prior to joining InterWorks, a family business, in 1996, Kitchin served as senior economist for the Northwest Power Planning Council (now Northwest Power and Conservation Council) for 15 years and was a regional economist for the Bonneville Power Administration for three years.

She is treasurer of the Portland Business Alliance, vice president of the Central Eastside Industrial Council and a board member of the Portland Building Owners and Managers Association.

Other members currently serving on Energy Trust's board include Rick Applegate, Applegate Consulting, Portland; Julie Brandis, Oregon State University Foundation, Corvallis; Ken Canon, Canon and Hutton law firm, Myrtle Creek; Anne Warrington Donnelly, Coos County Historical Society, Coos Bay; Roger Hamilton, Western Grid Group, Eugene; Anne Haworth-Root, EdenVale Winery and Eden Valley Orchards, Medford; Mark Kendall, Kendall Energy

Consulting, Salem; Jeff King, Northwest Power and Conservation Council (retired), Portland; and Dave Slavensky, Structus Building Technologies, Bend.

Representatives from the OPUC and the Oregon Department of Energy serve as non-voting board members. Nine of the 13 voting board members are from outside the Portland region. All but three are employed in private sector enterprises.

All board meetings are open to the public. View board meeting dates, agendas and materials online at www.energytrust.org/About/public-meetings/BDMeetings.aspx.

Energy Trust of Oregon is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping utility customers benefit from saving energy and tapping renewable resources. Our services, cash incentives and energy solutions have helped participating customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural and Cascade Natural Gas save more than \$1 billion on energy bills. Our work helps keep energy costs as low as possible, creates jobs and builds a sustainable energy future. Learn more at www.energytrust.org or call 1-866-368-7878.

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